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SUBJECT: DOD PLENARY SESSION WITH PLA DCGS GEN XU HUIZI (U)

1. ~~(S)~~ AT THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION WITH GEN XU HUIZI, AUSDP SLOCOMBE BEGAN WITH A WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE U.S. SIDE. IN ATTENDANCE WERE ASD CHAS FREEMAN, MG JOHN MCILVOY, STANLEY ROTH, DAS FRANCES COOK, BG JOHN HALL, DATT BYRNES, EDEN WOON, LISA BRONSON AND SUSAN LONG OF OSD, AND LCDR TOM ARNOLD OF JCS. IN ATTENDANCE ON THE CHINESE SIDE WERE GEN XU, MINISTER YANG JIECHI, MG FU JIAPING, MG CHEN KAIZENG, MG CHEN BINGDE, COL XU JUNPING, COL PANG YANDONG, SR COL TANG HUAIGUANG, AND COL CHEN DONG.

2. ~~(S)~~ AUSDP REITERATED THAT WE VIEW GEN XU'S VISIT AS A VERY PAGE 02 RUEKJCS5203 C O N F I D E N T I A L IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, AND THAT DR PERRY HIMSELF VIEWS IT AS IMPORTANT. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP SINCE AMB FREEMAN'S TRIP TO BEIJING IN NOV 93. AUSDP EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S MFN DECISION WOULD ALLOW THE MILITARY DIALOGUE TO PROCEED, AND THAT WE VIEW THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP AS A CRITICAL PART OF THE OVERALL STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP. HE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR DEVELOPING MILITARY CONTACTS TO HELP SOLVE SOME OF THE BILATERAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND NONPROLIFERATION, AS WELL AS REGIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

3. ~~(S)~~ XU RESPONDED BY COMMENTING THAT ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE US, HE WAS GLAD TO SEE FAMILIAR FACES AFTER SO MANY YEARS HAD PASSED, AND HE IS EAGER TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE STARTED BY AMB FREEMAN LAST FALL. HE RECALLED THE VERY GOOD VISITS OF AMB WISNER AND ADM LARSON AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO IN-DEPTH DIALOGUE WITH AMB FREEMAN. (AT THIS POINT, MR SLOCOMBE HAD TO LEAVE FOR ANOTHER MEETING.)

4. ~~(S)~~ AMB FREEMAN BEGAN BY THANKING GEN XU FOR ALL OF HIS HELP IN DEVELOPING THE MILITARY DIALOGUE IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS. PAGE 03 RUEKJCS5203 C O N F I D E N T I A L MOST OF THE INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY THE U.S. LAST NOVEMBER BECAME REALITY, EXCEPT FOR EXERCISES RELATED TO PEACEKEEPING. AMB FREEMAN SAID THAT CINCPAC PLANS TO GIVE THE CHINESE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SIDE-BY-SIDE HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS THAT WE ARE SUGGESTING FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

5. ~~(S)~~ GEN XU THEN SPOKE ABOUT REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES. HE BELIEVED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED MUCH

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SINCE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB FREEMAN AND AMB WISNER. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS STILL THE MOST IMPORTANT DYNAMIC IN ASIA, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE REGIONAL SECURITY. XU ALSO MENTIONED THE SECURITY DIALOGUE AMONG ASIAN NATIONS AS ENHANCING SECURITY RELATIONS. XU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE REMAINING REGIONAL INSTABILITIES COULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH TALKS AND CONSULTATION.

6. [REDACTED] REGARDING THE KOREAN PENINSULA, XU SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGES SINCE THE NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS, I.E. THE EVENTS SINCE JUNE SUCH AS THE VISIT OF FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE DEATH OF KIM IL SONG. HE RE-AFFIRMED THE CHINESE BELIEF THAT WITHOUT PEACE ON THE PENINSULA, THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN THE REGION, AND HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT CHINA'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES WERE STABILITY ON THE PENINSULA AND ITS DENUCLEARIZATION. XU WAS
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PLEASED WITH THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE THIRD ROUND IN GENEVA AND AFFIRMED THAT CHINA BELIEVED THAT DIALOGUE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. XU SAID THAT CHINA STILL WANTS THE FIRST SUMMIT BETWEEN THE ROK AND DPRK TO OCCUR.

9. [REDACTED] REGARDING THE BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, XU SAID HE BELIEVED THAT ALL OF THE INITIATIVES SINCE NOVEMBER HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE.

AS EXPECTED, XU EXTENDED AN INVITATION FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE CHI HAOTIAN FOR SECDEF TO VISIT BEIJING. ASD FREEMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED SECDEF TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING ON 16 OCTOBER. XU SAID HE WOULD PASS A LETTER TO CJCS FROM THE CHINESE CGS INVITING HIM TO VISIT BEIJING.

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THE NDU SCHOLARS VISIT IN SEPTEMBER WAS ALSO MENTIONED, AND XU SAID THAT ZHU DUNFA IS STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO NDU AS WELL. AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE-TO-SERVICE EXCHANGES AND SAID WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT CSAF GEN MCPEAK VISIT BEIJING IN SEPTEMBER. ASD ALSO PROPOSED A MILITARY JUSTICE INITIATIVE WHEREBY SOME PLA JUDGES WOULD BE HOSTED BY THE U.S. COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS. 10. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ GEN XU WELCOMED THESE INITIATIVES AND SAID THAT THE PLA AIR FORCE COMMANDER WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST GEN MCPEAK, BUT TIMING WILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. XU SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVE THAT FURTHERED THE PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED SO THAT GEN XU COULD CALL ON SECRETARY PERRY.

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